

## IOHN BAPTIST RINVCCINI 330

ARCHBISHOP AND PRINCE

## O F F I R M O.

And by the Ecclesiasticall Congregation of both  
 Clergies of the Kingdome of IRELAND.

*A Decree of Excommunication against such as adhere to the  
 late Peace, and doe beare armes for the Here-  
 ticks of Ireland, or doe aid or  
 assist them.*

N Or without cause (saith the Oracle of truth) doth the Minister of God carry the sword: Rom. 13.  
 is, that we liave by our former decrees declared to the world, our sense and just indignation  
 against the late Peace concluded and published at Dublin, not onely in its owne nature  
 bringing prejudice and destruction on Religion and kingdome, but being also contrary to  
 the Oath of Association; and withall against the Contrivers of, and adherents to the said  
 Peace. In pursuance of which decrees being forced to unsheath the spirituall sword, we (to  
 whom God, hath given power to binde and loose on Earth) assembled together in the Holy  
 Ghost, tracing herein the steps, and imitating the Examples of many venerable and holy  
 Prelates, who have gone before us, and taking for our authoritie, the sacred Canons of ho-  
 ly Church, grounded on holy Writ, ut tollantur i medio nostrum, qui hoc opus faciunt, doe, cum  
 nomine domini nostri Iesu, deliver over such persons to Satan; that is to say, we excommuni-  
 cate and anathematize all such, as after publication of this our decree and notice,  
 either secretly or publicly given them hereof, shall defend, adhere or approve the justice  
 of the said Peace; and chiefly those, who shall beare armes, or make br joine in warre with;  
 for, in the behalfe of the Puritans, or other hereticks of Dublin, Corke, Yoghell, or of other  
 places within this kingdome; or shall, (either by themselves, or their appointment) bring,  
 lend, or give any aid, succour, or reliefe of victualls, ammunition or other provision unto  
 them, or by advise or otherwise advance the said Peace, or the warre made against us. Those  
 and every of them by this present decree wee doe declare and pronounce excommunicated  
 IPSO FACTO, ut non circumveniamur a Satanâ; non enim ignoramus cogitationes eius. 1. Cor. 1. 11.

Marth. 16.  
 19. ibid. 18.  
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 Io. 10. 23.  
 1. Cor. 5. 2.  
 1. Cor. 5. 5.

Dated at Kilkenny in the Pallace of our Residence; the 5. day of October, 1646.

Ioannes Baptista Archiepiscopus Firmanus Nuncius Apostolicus.

*De mandato Illustrissimi Domini Nuncij & Congrega-  
 tionis Ecclesiasticae utriusque Cleri regni Hibernia.*

*Nicolaus Fernensis Episcopus Congregationis Cancellarius.*

